

SENATE RESOLUTION 6

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Clarence G. Charles of Kingston.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Clarence G. Charles; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles was an excellent public servant and consummate professional who dedicated his life to improving the quality of life for others; and

WHEREAS, born in the Emory Heights area, Mr. Charles attended school in South Harriman and lived much of his adult life in the Bradbury community; and

WHEREAS, he worked assiduously for forty years with the Social Security Administration, helping countless people in any way he could; and

WHEREAS, a man of deeply rooted conviction, Clarence Charles invested himself heavily into his family, which included the children he had with his wife, Flo Charles, as well as their adopted children and numerous foster children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles provided for his family's physical, educational, and spiritual needs on their family farm, where he and Mrs. Charles raised the children and educated them; and

WHEREAS, aside from his passion for his family, Clarence Charles cared deeply for and gave generously of his time and energy to the Bradbury United Methodist Church, as well as the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to civic involvement, he gave his unswerving support to the Republican Party, as well as a number of other deserving organizations and causes; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of Flo Charles, his devoted wife of fifty-one years, and was the loving and proud father of Mike and Melody Charles, Tony and

Michelle Charles, Denise and Mike Yannacone, Sheila and Jaime Boileau, Danny and Betty Noe, Laura Charles, Walter and Barbara Strunk, David and Roxanne Raschke, Charles and Ann Paul, Clifford and Tabitha Brown, and many other foster children; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his brothers and sisters, Tommy and Carolyn Charles, Bob Charles, and Carolyn and Wayne Hall; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Charles will be long remembered and admired by his seventeen grandchildren and his one great-grandchild, Abigail Eledge; and

WHEREAS, greatly respected and dearly loved by his family and many friends, Mr. Charles was truly a gentleman and a compassionate father who loved his fellow citizens and took great pride in improving the world for those he treasured, leaving behind a legacy of integrity and probity in public life, care and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Mr. Clarence G. Charles, reflecting fondly upon his incredible character and his dedication to living the examined life with faith, courage, and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Charles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.